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Requirements for ORR 10010

1. In regards to Sino-Japanese trade, what is the current position of the Government, big business, and the small industrialists?

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3. What is the extent of Chicom competition in Southeast Asia?

a. Present situation

(1) Competitive commodities exported to SEA

(2) Prices and quality as compared to Western products. If Chinese prices are relatively lower, would this merely reflect the effort to enter an established market? Are the Chinese re-exporting Soviet iron and steel products?

b. Long-run situation

(1) Does SEA have much to export to China and does China have significant quantities to export to SEA?

(2) Have China's exports impressed SEA with the rapidity of China's industrialization? If so, will this encourage SEA not only to copy China but to trade with China?

4. Why has China purchased Burmese rice when it is exporting rice to Japan, Hong Kong, and Ceylon? Is there any possibility for the development of multilateral trade to include Ceylon and possibly Indonesia? Will Burma's unfavorable experience with trade with the Soviet Bloc affect future sales of rice to China? What difficulties have been experienced by the Burmese government and individual Burmese traders in their trade with the Bloc?

5. Why is China interested in Burmese and Indonesian rubber when China obtains all it needs from Ceylon?

6. Has China shown any interest in Indonesia's petroleum?

7. Where and in what capacities are Bloc technical personnel? To what extent do they influence the economic life of the countries in Southeast Asia?

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